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Draft report

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Chapter ____
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its forty-fifth session at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 16 March 2001. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to ____).

2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the forty-fourth session of the Commission, Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia), who also made a statement.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ____ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission at its forty-fourth session were to serve as officers during the forty-fifth session. At the first meeting, on 6 March, having been informed that Misako Kaji (Japan), had resigned her post as Vice-

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Chairperson, the Commission elected Atsuko Nishimura (Japan) as Vice-Chairperson with rapporteurial responsibilities to replace Ms. Kaji. The Bureau therefore comprised:

Chairperson:
Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Kirsten Geelan (Denmark)
Loreto Leyton (Chile)
Mankeur Ndiaye (Senegal)
Atsuko Nishimura (Japan)

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.6/2001/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Review of mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system;
   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
   (c) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern.
4. Thematic issues:
   (a) Women, the girl child and human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS);
   (b) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance.
5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
6. Communications concerning the status of women.
7. Provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session of the Commission.
8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fifth session.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

6. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed: Bettina Cadenbach (Germany); Christine Kapalata (United Republic of Tanzania); Audra Plepyte (Lithuania); Mariano Simón Padrós (Argentina); and Yu Wenzhe (China). The working group held four meetings.

F. Consultations with non-governmental organizations

7. Written statements, submitted by non-governmental organizations in accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/5975/Rev.1), were circulated in documents E/CN.6/2001/NGO/1-8.